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Editorial Note...

Looking for the fire in the ashes!

“Even the most callous young people have a soft spot. The first duty of the educator is to locate that sensitive spot, that responsive chord in the young person’s heart”, says Don Bosco in his Biographical Memoirs. Inspired by the optimistic humanism of spiritual leaders of the time, Don Bosco seemingly possessed the mind of a minework-

er- looking for the grain of Gold in tons of mud, sand and stones. The feast of Don Bosco is celebrated on January 31, by Salesians across the globe. In the institutions of Don Bosco, it is a month-long celebration, abuzz with activities and competitions that are geared to enhance knowledge and love for the father and friend of youth. This issue of E- street voice chronicles

the activities and training programmes organized during the month with the core objective of turning the spark in the young people to a raging fire that would light up our world and warm our hearts!



Fr. Prasad SDB

Feast of Don Bosco at BOSCO Bangalore



BOSCO, Bangalore, organized children’s Cultural Fest on the occasion of the feast of Don Bosco at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, on January 28, 2018. At the inaugural programme, B. Govindaraju, Vice

Chairman, BMTC, Bangalore, said, “The society should create a child-friendly environment for the holistic development of children”. Dr. Kishore Kumar MBBS, MD DNB, Director, Critical Care, Brindavan Arcion Hospital, Chamrajpet, Bangalore, speaking on the occasion applauded the services rendered by NGOs. N. Narayana Swamy, Deputy Director, Department of Woman and Child Development (DWCD), Bangalore, exhorted the children to make optimum use of the available opportunities.

“Children, focus on your goals, believe in yourselves and you can scale great heights”, said Kishore Kumar G, cine actor addressing the gathering during the val-

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Task Force Meeting with Sadhana Mahila Sangha

BOSCO Team working at the Bus Stand area organized a Task Force Meeting in collaboration with Sadhana Mahila Sangha for the sex workers, on January 3, 2017. The programme held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bangalore, began with the keynote address by Anjaneya, Coordinator, Bus Stand area, Bangalore. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli addressing the group spoke about the issues faced by children and how BOSCO is supporting the needy children. He explained about services rendered by BOSCO, BOSCO CHILDLINE 1098, Child rights, Children's issues and



how target group can support BOSCO by referring the deserving children.

Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya shared about BOSCO Child Assistance Center in KSRTC & BMTC and its services. Geetha, Project Coordinator, Sadhana Mahila Sangha, Bangalore expressed her happiness to BOSCO for recognizing and accepting them as they are. The group assured support to BOSCO team by referring the children at risk. Over fifty sex workers and project staff attended the meeting.

Training Program

for Children on Child Rights



Four training programs on Child Rights were organized by CREAM Team, BOSCO, Bangalore, for the children from GKMHS Magadi Road, SLR High School, Chamrajpet, Bharathi Samskruthi Vidya Peetha School, Chamrajpet and Sri Siddha Ruda Vidya Peetha School, Chamarajpet, Bangalore in January 2018. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore spoke about UNCRC and Child Rights.

Many children mentioned about their friends being dropped out of school due to various reasons and pledged to help BOSCO in bringing them back to school. Over two hundred children participated in the training.

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Feast of Don Bosco ...

edictory function. Rajesh LY, Circle Inspector, Attibele, Bangalore, exhorted children to involve actively in the noble task of nation building, following the example of their teachers. Speaking on the occasion, Nagaraj Yadav, Chairman, BMTC, Bangalore applauded the services of BOSCO, Bangalore. 'Quest for Change: A Glance at the Reality of Runaway Children', a research study undertaken by BOSCO, Bangalore, was released on the occasion.

The programme was held as the grand finale of a month-long celebration that included quiz competition, children's sports day, inter-centre cultural competitions, etc. The winners of the competitions were awarded prizes during the function. Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, welcomed the gathering and Manjunath, Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore, proposed the vote of thanks. Over four hundred children and staff participated in the programme.

Cluster Level Networking Meeting for SDMC

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) jointly organized Cluster level networking meeting for School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) at Govt. Urdu Model Primary Boys' School, Barlane, Good Shed Road, Bangalore on January 10, 2018. Santhosh More, Mantra for



Change, Bangalore, said, “A Cluster Resource Person (CRP) has a vital role to play in the empowerment of the Headmasters and SDMC in every school”.

Usuf Aslam Khan, State President, SDMC State Level Federation, said “Teaching is a divine profession. It is the duty of every teacher to consolidate resources

and impart high quality education to the children”.

Dr. Jabeen Taj, CRP, Urdu School, Padarayanapura briefed about the roles and responsibilities of SDMCs

Open House Programme

CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore organized Open House programme at Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) School, Lakkasandra, Bangalore, on January 10, 2018. Muniraju, ASI, Adugodu Police Station, Nagamani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Nodal, Bangalore and Basavaraj, Cluster Resource Person (CRP), Lakkasandra, Bangalore, spoke on the occasion. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE in his keynote address said, “CHILDLINE is a 24-hour, national emergency toll-free helpline for children in need of care and protection. Everyone should join hands to spread awareness about the helpline and make optimum use of the service”.

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care, BOSCO Bangalore, spoke about the aims and objectives of Foster Care project and about the services rendered by BOSCO, Bangalore. Sulochana, Headmistress BBMP School, Lakkasandra, Bangalore, Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO CHILDLINE, over hundred children and staff members were present for the programme.

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and the need to ensure optimum involvement of NGOs that render services for children. BS Ziaulla, President, SDMC, Farukhya Nagar, Bangalore, said that the primary duty of the teachers is to concentrate on the quality of education provided and not other clerical works. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM & ECCE, BOSCO, Bangalore, said that teachers should make efforts to inculcate social responsibility among the students. Shivamallu, Foster Care, BOSCO, Bangalore, spoke about the goals and objectives of Foster Care and about the services rendered by BOSCO, Bangalore.

Sayed Sajid, Education Coordinator, Bangalore, Fr. Reji Jacob SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, project staff and over thirty school Headmasters and SDMC members participated in the programme.

Formation of Civic Society Group at Rajagopal Garden

BOSCO Nilaya team organized a Meeting for the community members and parents of the children attending tuition classes at Rajagopal Garden, Bangalore on January 4, 2018. Addressing the group, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, emphasized the importance of child rearing and education. He explained the purpose and responsibilities of the Civic Society Group. Gayathri R., tuition teacher, BOSCO Nilaya, facilitated the process of selecting the Leader and members for the group.



There was an open discussion where the parents and the community members shared their views and suggestions to take up the task entrusted to them. Pushpa, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about the activities and services, especially life skill trades like beautician course, computer, tailoring, carpentry, bakery, welding, two-wheeler mechanic, book bind-

ing, electricals and screen printing rendered by BOSCO, Bangalore.

Anniyappa, Jeeva community leaders, Rajagopal Garden, twenty-five parents of the children attending tuitions, twenty tuition children and other community members participated in the programme.

Networking Meeting Organized



CHILDLINE Bangalore organized NGOs networking meeting at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on January 12, 2018. Meena Jain, Former Chairperson, CWC, Bangalore facilitated the discussion and exhorted everyone to discuss about the pertinent issues. The objective of the meeting was to dis-

cuss about convergence plans lines of collaboration between NGOs. The need to specify the role of CHILDLINE in JJ Act Rules, the real challenges faced during rescue operations, the need to increase advocacy and collaboration with the government were discussed.

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for CHILDLINE, Bangalore was discussed and suggestions were incorporated to the draft. Vasudev Sharma, Executive Director, Vishala, APSA, Bangalore, Nagamani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bangalore, Fr. Rubin, Director, Railway CHILDLINE, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE BOSCO, Bangalore and forty-four representatives from nineteen NGOs participated in the programme.

BOSCO National Inter-Collegiate Annual Essay Competition



BOSCO Bangalore organized a two-month long National Level Inter-Collegiate Annual Essay Competition on the theme ‘Child

is not a problem, child has problems’, that concluded on January 27, 2018. The competition that spanned nationwide had student participants from various academic streams such as Social Work, Sociology, Media, Economics, Engineering, Law and Psychology, from various colleges/universities.

The topics for the essays were issues concerning chil-

dren such as ‘Child Abuse, the reasons for occurrence and how it could be eradicated’, and ‘How Caregivers/ Parents become the indirect targets of child rights violation’.

The essays were evaluated by a Panel of three members which included Fr. Previnth Joe Tony Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, Dr. Maya M., Professor of Christ University, Bangalore and Ms. Ann Tharakan, Lecturer of Mount Carmel College, Bangalore. The first prize was awarded to Ridhi Shetty, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, second prize was awarded to Mansi Tejal, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad and Rose Mary Thomas, Don Bosco College, Wayanad, Kerala bagged the third prize.

BOSCO Alumni

at BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Alumni gathering was organized by BOSCO Yuvakendra at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on January 28, 2018. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, expressed happiness to see the past pupils being settled in life. He requested the parents to become role models to their children. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, exhorted the past pupils to continue leading a disciplined life and guide their children in becoming responsible citizens of the society.

He urged them to look for school dropouts in their neighborhoods and help BOSCO in re-enrolling them into schools. The past pupils expressed their gratitude to BOSCO for making them what they are today. Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra were present in the meeting. Twenty eight past pupils attended the meeting.

Child Protection Committee Formation



CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized a meeting for the railway officials, GRP and RPF and other stakeholders at Yelahanka Railway Station on January 27, 2018. Addressing the group, Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, shared about vision and mission of BOSCO, the services rendered by BOSCO for the care and protection of children, emergency numbers, links with various Government departments and allied systems.

The group was made aware of child rights, importance of child protection committee, implementation of Railway SOP, roles and responsibilities of SMR, GRP, RPF, child protection mechanisms and the role of BOSCO in protection of child rights through a participatory activity. Thirty railway officials, RPF, GRP and Stake holders attended the meeting.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



January- 2018

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	457	61	518
Service provided	62	11	73
Grand Total	519	72	591

Service Rendered

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	06	03	09
Bangalore Bus stand	15	00	15
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	02	02	04
BOSCO Vataslyabhavan	00	00	00
CSN	23	03	26
BOSCO Child line	15	03	18
Total	62	11	73

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	20	06	26
Home Placement	400	46	446
Government organization/NGO's	25	03	28
Referred to Back to police	00	01	01
Replacement to School	02	00	02
Replacement to Hostel	03	00	03
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	07	05	12
Grand Total	457	61	518

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	28	19	47
Unaccompanied	429	42	471
Total	457	61	518

Meeting with BMTC Officials

BOSCO Team working at the Bus Stand area organized a Meeting for BMTC Officials, Kempe Gowda Bus Stand, Bangalore at BMTC DTO Office, Bangalore on January 18, 2018. Anjaneya, Coordinator, Bus Stand area, Bangalore, welcomed the group. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli spoke about the issues children face and how BOSCO is supporting the needy children on the streets. He explained about BOSCO and its activities, BOSCO CHILDLINE 1098 service, Child rights and Children issues.



Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE and CREAM projects, BOSCO Bangalore, made the group aware about the child rights and the role of BOSCO in protection of child rights through a participatory activity. He also explained how target beneficiaries can support BOSCO by referring the needy children. Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya shared about BOSCO Child Assistance Center in

KSRTC & BMTC and its services.

Devaraj, ASI and Anand, Security in charge, BMTC Bus Stand, Bangalore, shared that they were aware about BOSCO and its activities in the bus stand area. They ensured that they would support BOSCO team by referring the needy children and children at risk. Twenty one BMTC officials attended the meeting.

Foster Care Awareness Campaign in Karnataka



Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized awareness programmes for the prospective foster care parents and officials of District Child Protection Unit, Mangalore District, Asha workers, Primary Health Centre, Gulbarga District and Staff and Tailoring Trainees of Don Bosco Center for Social work, Yadgi-

ri District, Karnataka, in January 2018. Information was given about BOSCO and its activities, Child Rights and Child Protection Mechanisms and Emergency helpline – CHILDLINE 1098.

The facilitators explained about the concept of foster care, the difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, and basic understanding of foster parenting skills.

The facilitators also provided detailed information about the documents required, legal procedures, time frame for the placement of the child and about competent authorities involved in placement. Sixteen Prospective parents, forty-five DCPU officials, twenty-two ASHA workers, twenty staff and thirty-one tailoring trainees from Don Bosco center of Social work participated in the meeting.

Month of Don Bosco



Inauguration

Don BOSCO's month, was inaugurated at the various centers of BOSCO, in the presence of children/ youth from January 2 to 5, 2018. The month-long celebration in preparation for the feast of Don Bosco comprises of various activities and programs to learn more about Don BOSCO. The representatives of each center and area along with their Directors garlanded the statue of the Saint.



The competitions included group songs, group dances, mimes, fancy dress and pick and speak based on the themes Save Earth-Save Children and Don Bosco – A Friend of Youth.

Bosco Talents Expo: 2018

The Inter-Centre Cultural Competition for BOSCO Children was held at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on January 14, 2018. The programme began with a prayer dance by the children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the gathering, said that winning or losing in a competition should be taken in a sportive manner. Speaking on the occasion Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, appreciated the children's talent in preparing the banner and decorating the stage.



Month of Don Bosco



BOSCO Quiz Contest 2018

Don Bosco quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane on January 20, 2018. The competition started with prayer dance by children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Thim-mesh Prabhu, Teacher, K R Puram Government School, Bangalore, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, Sumanahalli, Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Yuvodaya and a child representative inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp.



BOSCO Staff sports and talents day

The Sports and Talents Day for BOSCO staff was conducted at Sumanahalli, BOSCO Bangalore on January 26, 2018. The day started with a prayer led by Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya. Addressing the group, Biju Thomas Member, JJ Board, Bangalore exhorted everyone to keep themselves fit and healthy through sports. Theme based speeches, group dance, group song, throw-ball, rangoli, cricket and volley ball for male staff were organized.

Annual Sports Meet 2018



Annual Sports Meet was organized for the children of BOSCO at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bangalore on January 21, 2018. The programme began with a prayer song. Sports events began with the Sub Juniors, continued with Juniors & Seniors with variety of sports events like marble and spoon race, musical chair, 100 mts running race, sack race, high jump, long jump, relay and tug of war. The winners of the events were awarded with medals and certificates. Over three hundred and fifty children participated in the sports meet.